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5. A list of 12 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) (2) (i), copies of the listed U.S. references are not provided herewith since the requirement has been waived for U.S. patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

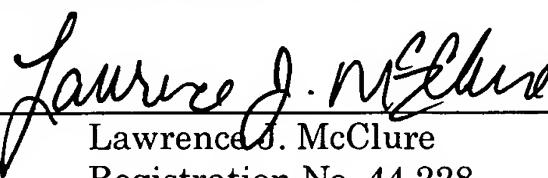
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- Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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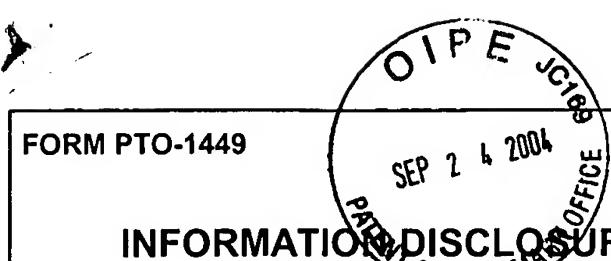
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	APPLICATION DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 4,757,382	07/12/1988	Kaziura et al.			
	US 5,878,868	03/19/1999	Gotoh et al.			
	US 5,531,312	07/02/1996	Dickey			
	US 4,934,560	06/19/1990	Bouyer			
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	PUBLICATION DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	EP 0166277 A2	02/01/1986	Europe			X	
	EP 0715164 A2	05/06/1995	Europe			X	
	EP 0715164 A3	18/06/1997	Europe			X	
	JP 10170446	26/06/1998	Japan			X	
	FR 2539057 A1	07/13/1984	France				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

European Search Report for Application No. EP 00962968 dated 06/11/2002
European Search Report for Application No. EP 00962968 dated 20/02/2003

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